

Remarks

Claims 1-34 are pending, and claims 1-34 stand rejected. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request allowance of claims 1-34. A one month time extension is requested.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 9-23, and 26-34 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated over U.S. Patent number 5,870,459 (Phillips et al.). Claim 1 is reproduced below:

1. A communication system for providing temporary wireless telephone numbers, the system comprising:

 a first switching system configured to receive a registration request from an end user wireless call device without an assigned telephone number, and process the registration request to generate a registration message; and

 a service control point configured to receive the registration message, process the registration message to automatically assign a temporary wireless telephone number to the end user wireless call device, and generate and provide a registration response message to the first switching system that includes the temporary wireless telephone number.

Claim 1 requires "a service control point that receives a registration message for an end user wireless call device without an assigned telephone number... and automatically assign a temporary wireless telephone number to the end user wireless call device". The wireless devices in Phillips are assigned a number during the activation process (Column 13 line 65 – column 14 line 5). The activation process occurs when the user acquires the wireless device (Column 13 line 15 – 19). The phone number for the wireless device in Phillips may expire and be returned to the pool of numbers. Once the wireless device in Phillips loses the assigned phone number, the wireless device can only be used to make calls, and can not be used to receive calls (Column 14 lines 19 – 22). Once the wireless device in Phillips loses its number the wireless device can not send a registration request to a switching station and receive a temporary number. Because Phillips does not have "a service control point that receives a registration message for an end user wireless call device without an assigned telephone number... and automatically assign a

temporary wireless telephone number to the end user wireless call device" claim 1 is allowable as written.

Based on the above comments, the Applicants submit that the examiner has not met the requirements for a *prima facie* case of anticipation.

Claims 2 – 17 are dependent on allowable claim 1 and are therefore allowable.

Claim 18 has a service control point that receives a registration message for an end user wireless call device without an assigned telephone number... and automatically assigns a temporary wireless telephone number to the end user wireless call device. Therefore the arguments for claim 1 (above) apply to claim 18 and claim 18 is allowable.

Claims 19 – 34 are dependent on allowable claim 18 and are therefore allowable.

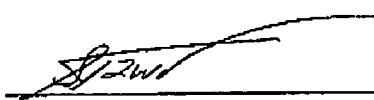
Conclusion

Based on the above remarks, the Applicants submit that claims 1-34 are allowable. There may be additional reasons in support of patentability, but such reasons are omitted in the interests of brevity. The Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-34.

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